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501038.03 (30029/US/2)

February 2, 2004

First Inventor or Application Identifier

Kallol Mazumder

Title

**INPUT STAGE APPARATUS AND METHOD HAVING A
VARIABLE REFERENCE VOLTAGE**

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EL 990358898 US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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- Descriptive Title of the Invention
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- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets] **7**5. ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages] **2**a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
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Program (Appendix)8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
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Statement (IDS)/PTO-144916. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)17. ☒ Other: Certificate of Express MailCheck; Copy of Election & POA18. If a **CONTINUING APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-In-Part (CIP) of prior Application No.: 10/256,037 Filed September 25, 2002Prior application information: Examiner Davic LamGroup / Art Unit 2818☒ **Incorporation By Reference** (useable if box 5b is checked)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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General Authorization

Preliminary Amendment

Specification, Claims, Abstract (26 pages)

7 Sheets of Drawings (Figures 1-7)

Transmittal for Filing Formal Drawings (5 Sheets, Figures 1-7)

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